



AN ALTERNATIVE ALBERTA BUDGET

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Alberta's
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From Our Leader

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION 2019 ALTERNATIVE BUDGET.

This budget lays out a path for Alberta to create jobs, diversify the economy, protect vital public services, and bring the provincial budget to balance.

This path is based on economic data in the government's budget, and more crucially, on widespread consultation with Albertans. This fall, our Caucus held town hall meetings in communities across Alberta, and the people we heard from provided a tremendous amount of information about what values and priorities they wanted to see reflected in the provincial budget.

Our budget proves that there is another way. It does not include the \$4.7-billion corporate handout you will find on page 144 of the UCP Government's budget. As Albertans can see, that corporate handout has failed to create jobs. Many of the companies that received tens or hundreds of millions of dollars in handouts have distributed that money to shareholders, or taken it and invested it in places outside of Alberta, like Newfoundland and Wisconsin.

Our budget reverses "bracket creep," the sneaky scheme of raising personal income taxes on every single Albertan, which can be found on page 149 of the UCP Government's budget. Instead, our budget establishes a one per cent increase to personal income tax on the top one per

cent. We believe those who can afford it should pay a little more in difficult economic times. Albertans who earn an annual salary of less than \$315,000 would pay less personal income tax in 2020 under our plan.

Unlike the UCP, we would limit tuition hikes to the rate of inflation. We would continue to reduce school fees. We would maintain the cap on insurance premiums and electricity bills. We would not download a \$200-million bill for policing onto municipalities who will then be forced to hike property taxes.

Our alternative to Jason Kenney's cruel budget shows a path that protects the frontline services we all rely on. We can keep teachers in classrooms, and nurses at the bedside. We can continue to provide benefits to Albertans with disabilities to keep pace with the cost of living. We can continue to make world-class post-secondary education accessible to all Albertans. We can continue to ensure seniors and older Albertans have access to vital medications. And we can make substantial progress towards universal, affordable childcare.

We can also continue to diversify Alberta's economy by offering specific tax credits and other supports to emerging industries. High tech, digital media, and film production were expanding in Alberta last year, creating thousands of jobs. Under this UCP government's budget, these job creators have paused or cancelled their expansion plans, and are even considering other locations for new projects and offices. They are being chased away, and it is completely avoidable.

Albertans rightly expect their government to have a credible long-term fiscal plan. Our shadow budget continues on the path to balance that will eliminate the deficit by 2023-24. This is a responsible timeframe

given the profound impact of the global oil price crash in 2015 and persistent low energy prices. The UCP Government's plan, which comes to balance only one year sooner, forces Alberta families to pay more for less now, and causes long-term damage to our economy. Albertans can already see this happening.

My fellow Albertans, I propose to you that there is a better way to build a provincial budget. The firing of thousands of teachers, paramedics, nurses and other frontline public-service workers is not necessary. Everyday Albertans already struggling to make ends meet are being needlessly burdened by tax hikes that the UCP never campaigned on.

**ON BEHALF OF MY NDP OFFICIAL
OPPOSITION CAUCUS COLLEAGUES,
I'M PROUD TO PRESENT YOU WITH AN
ALTERNATIVE BUDGET.**

- Rachel Notley
Leader of the NDP Official Opposition

Albertans Expect Government to Do the Right Thing

The Alberta Budget should be by, and for, Albertans.

ALBERTANS deserve to have a voice in how their money is spent. The UCP Government refused to consult on their budget, so we did. Alberta's NDP Official Opposition Caucus travelled the province throughout September and October to hear directly from Albertans about their priorities for the provincial budget. We heard from nearly 1,000 Albertans in person, and tens of thousands more wrote us to share their thoughts this past fall.

**IT'S ALBERTA'S FUTURE. ALBERTANS DESERVE A VOICE.
THIS IS THEIR BUDGET.**

"OUR SCHOOLS ARE SCRAMBLING AND WE'VE SEEN SCHOOLS WITH UP TO 45 KIDS AND ONLY ONE TEACHER. I'VE HEARD OF PARENTS WHO HAVE HAD TO QUIT THEIR JOBS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND CHILDCARE. THIS ISN'T RIGHT."

- VANESSA, CALGARY





“DRIVING ONE DAY AND LISTENING TO THE NEWS AND LEARNING ABOUT THE MACKINNON REPORT.... SOME OF THE THINGS BEING PROPOSED IN THE NEWS WERE PRETTY SHOCKING... IT SEEMS LIKE THEY ARE PROPOSING A TWO-TIER SYSTEM AND I’M SCARED BECAUSE THERE REALLY ISN’T ANY COMING BACK FROM THAT.”

- CATHERINE, GRANDE PRAIRIE

“IT’S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT CUTTING JOBS OR FUNDING IN LOWER INCOME SECTORS. I WORK IN A PDD-FUNDED INDUSTRY AND WE HAVE HAD NO RAISES SINCE 2014 AND ARE IN OUR SECOND YEAR OF FREEZES TO OUR WAGE GRID. CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS, IN MY EXPERIENCE, HAVE BEEN MOST EAGER TO FREEZE AND CUT LOW WAGES IN PREDOMINANTLY FEMALE SECTORS.”

- KARIN, LETHBRIDGE

“REDUCTION IN CHILD POVERTY (UNDER THE NDP), THAT’S HUGE. I’M TERRIFIED THAT DROP IS GOING TO GET WIPED OUT, ALONG WITH A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE SAVING CHILDREN AND HELPING PEOPLE ACROSS THE PROVINCE.”

- MARY, CALGARY

The Choice:

Investing in Affordability Or Cuts to Pay for a \$4.7 Billion Handout

THOUSANDS OF ALBERTANS HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS SINCE THE PREMIER SIGNED OFF ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S CORPORATE HANDOUT. **IN NOVEMBER, 18,000 ALBERTANS LOST THEIR JOBS,** THE MOST IN A SINGLE MONTH OUTSIDE OF A GLOBAL RECESSION IN PROVINCIAL HISTORY.

BUDGETS ARE ABOUT CHOICES. In tough economic times, Albertans need a government that would create jobs by building a modern, more diversified economy that works for all Albertans. The Premier, however, ignored everyday Albertans and blew a \$4.7 billion hole in the government's bottom line with his corporate handout. He's paying for that handout through cruel cuts that take money out of the pockets of the Albertans who can least afford it. To top it all off, the government is raising personal income taxes for everyone.

THIS GOVERNMENT IS:

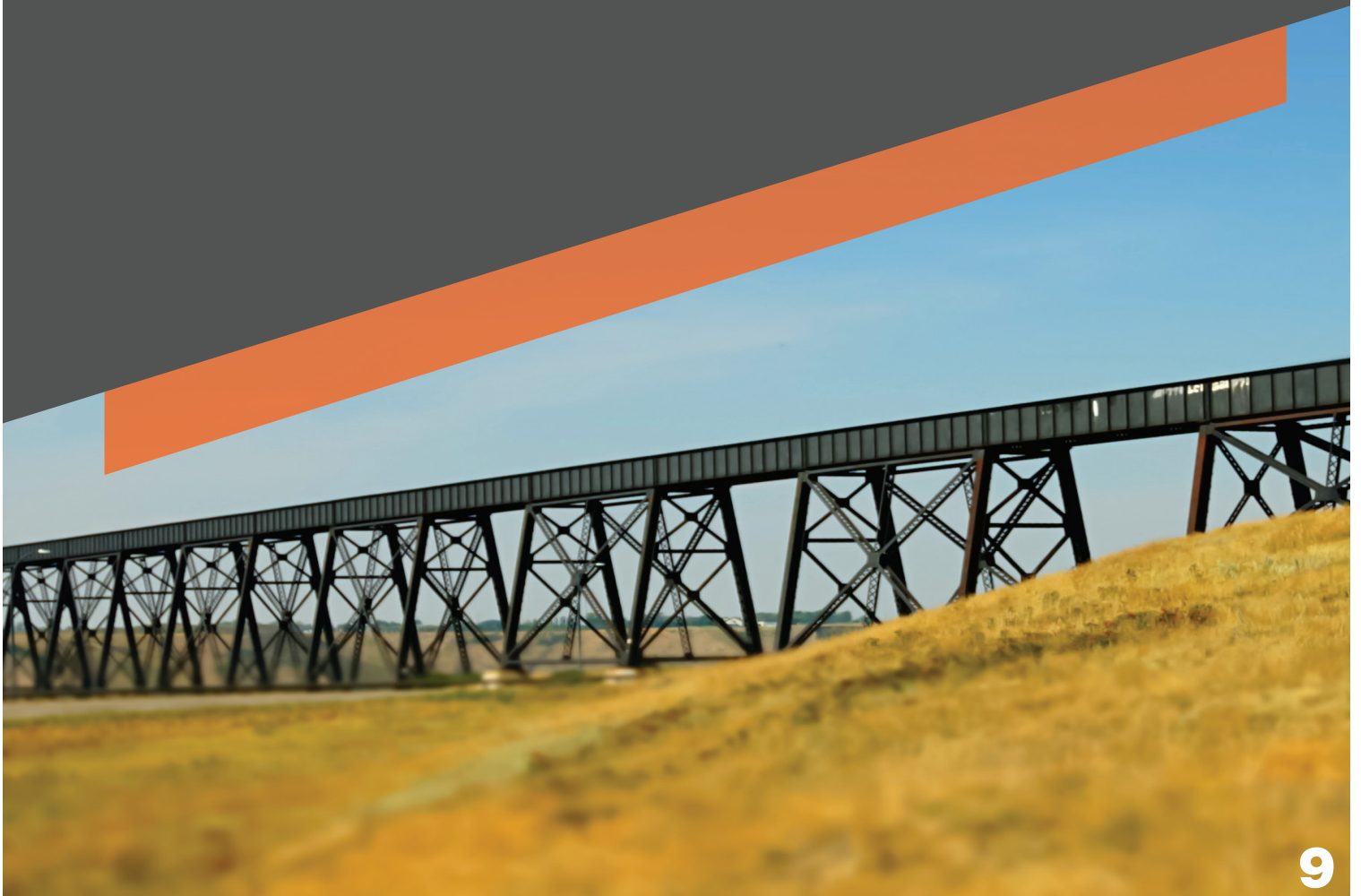
- Firing thousands of front-line nurses and public health care staff
- Forcing hundreds of layoffs at school boards and mid-year bussing fee hikes.
- Increasing tuition by over \$300/year for post-secondary students. Taking \$30/month out of the pockets of Albertans who rely on income supports for adults living with disabilities.
- Taking money out of the pockets of former kids in care: 500 young adults are losing income supports that help young people get a good start in life.
- Kicking 46,000 people off their drug plans.
- Cutting funding for highway safety maintenance.
- Cutting funding for skating rinks, community halls, and youth sports.

ALBERTA'S NDP BELIEVES IN MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. Evidence shows massive giveaways to already wealthy corporations does not “trickle down” to hard-working Albertans. Instead, health care, education, and other services - and those who deliver these services Albertans rely on - are at risk because of this failed experiment.

Albertans are being asked to pay more and are getting less from the current government.

It didn't have to be this way. With \$4.7 billion being kept in the provincial budget, Albertans could count on continued investments in their communities. Progress would be made on hospital wait times, ensuring child care is more affordable, building and maintaining good schools, and keeping our province's finances on track for a balanced budget by 2024.

**RACHEL NOTLEY AND ALBERTA'S NDP
WILL DO THE RIGHT THING FOR YOUR FAMILY.**





Where We Stand

AT A TIME WHEN ALBERTA'S ECONOMY IS IN A DOWNTURN, IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE LIFE AFFORDABLE, MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AND PROTECT EVERY-DAY ALBERTANS FROM THE BRUNT OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN.

The Albertans who came to our budget town halls know it's not the time to be making drastic cuts to health care that will take thousands of nurses out of hospitals, reduce critical services,

and make Albertans pay more to visit their family doctor. They remember what it's like to navigate a healthcare system without enough doctors, nurses and equipment to take care of them and their loved ones. They want a government who will give them accessible healthcare, protect them from American-style privatization, and shorten wait times.

They know it is not the time to make cuts to all levels of education, taking teachers out of K-12 classes that are increasing in size, and raising tuition on



post-secondary students. They want a government who will reduce class sizes, increase the number of teachers, and ensure their kids are taught a modern curriculum which sets them up for the future.

“ WE’RE THE NEW VOICE AND PEOPLE UNDERESTIMATE US BUT WE’RE FRANKLY THE LOUDEST PEOPLE. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE AREN’T GOING TO BE HERE FOREVER AND IT’S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE IN THIS ROOM AT TOWN HALLS LIKE THESE EARLY SO WHEN IT’S OUR JOB TO LEAD THE NEW FUTURE WE NEED TO BE PREPARED, ”

- RICKY, AGE 12, GRANDE PRAIRIE

They also know that it’s not the time to cut wages and increase income

taxes on every Albertan, forcing them to choose between paying their bills or buying groceries. They want a government who will let them earn a fair living wage, fight against American-style labour laws, and support unions.

These people deserve a government that fights for them, not one that thinks spending \$16,000 on charter planes for their buddies is a good use of public dollars.

Rachel Notley and the NDP have a plan that will get Albertans back to work by creating jobs, investing in economic diversification, making sure they are healthy, and living in resilient communities.

Our Plan

ALBERTANS WORK HARD. They need an economy that works for them, not just the super-rich.

Corporate handouts only benefit those at the top and have failed to create jobs here, and in other jurisdictions where they have been implemented.

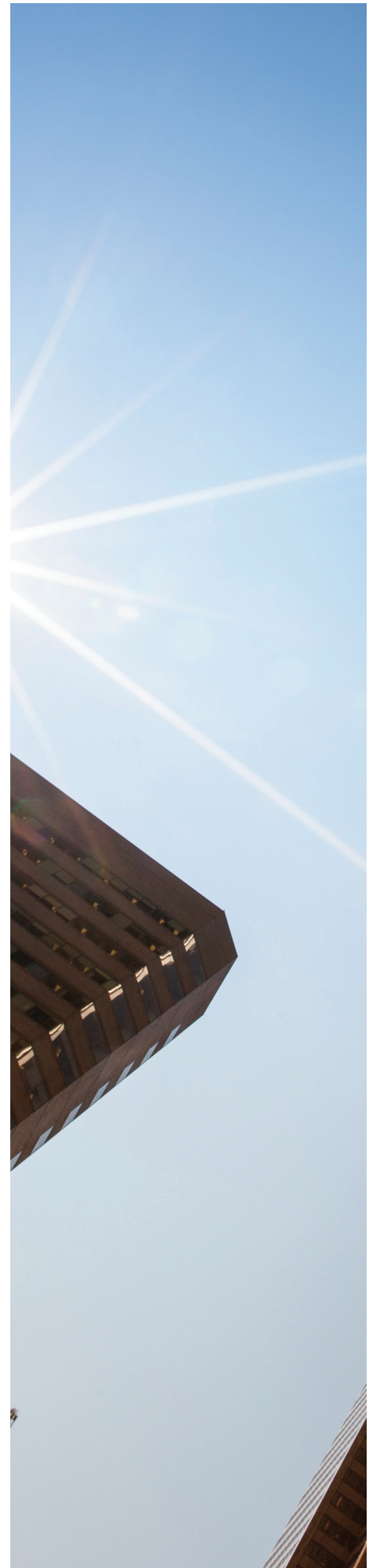
Our plan would create jobs by building a modern, diversified economy that works for everyone. One that ensures our province remains a great place to invest, build a business, and work.

Economic diversification is not a luxury - it's a necessity. We would continue to invest in Alberta's small businesses, innovators, and entrepreneurs. Our plan would retain tax credits that foster innovation and economic diversification in the petrochemical, tech, digital media, and film industries.

Alberta's NDP believes in the value of all jobs - private and public. We stand by the common sense agreements we reached through engaging in good faith collective bargaining with teachers, nurses, and public sector workers. This government's heavy-handed approach to these relationships has already begun to create chaos. Chaos hurts workers and damages services. This will cost us all.

Investing in good public services and infrastructure supports businesses and our economy. That's why we would continue to invest in \$25-a-day child care to allow more Albertans to enter the workforce and grow our economy.

Alberta was hit hard in the recession and families are still struggling. We remain steadfast in our commitment to get our product to market and get Albertans back to work.



ALBERTA'S NDP WOULD:

- **BUILD TRANS MOUNTAIN.** Rachel Notley's Government secured the federal purchase and construction of TMX.
- **WORK WITH INDUSTRY TO ATTRACT GOOD JOBS IN OIL AND GAS.** We would continue to work with industry to deliver a major expansion of refining, upgrading and petrochemical production capacity, targeting \$75 billion in new private investment. These investments would bring 70,000 new jobs to the province on downstream upgrading and refining projects over the next 10 years.
- **ATTRACT INVESTMENT THAT WOULD DIVERSIFY OUR ECONOMY.** We would keep the Alberta Investor Tax Credit and other strategic tax credits and grants that attract new investments and create good jobs. These programs attracted more than \$1 billion to investments in Alberta in the last four years, leading to across the board growth in tech and media industries.
- **WE WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE ALBERTA AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE,** with a phased-in expansion of \$25-a-day child care to all current child care spaces and we would add 13,000 new spaces over 5 years. This ambitious plan will boost women's employment to ensure economic growth and close the largest workforce participation gender gap in the country.

Strong, Public Healthcare

WE CAN MAINTAIN A STRONG, PUBLICLY FUNDED AND DELIVERED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM without resorting to American-style health care.

Albertans should not have to pay out of pocket when they're sick or injured. We have a responsibility to ensure our children, grandchildren and parents are healthy and have access to the healthcare supports they need.

- We **ADDED 1,200 DOCTORS AND 1,200 NURSES** across the province to address the needs of a growing population.
- We **REDUCED WAIT TIMES** for breast cancer surgeries, stroke treatment centres and radiation therapy.
- We put **MORE AMBULANCES** on the road.
- We contained costs by **NEGOTIATING COMMON-SENSE DEALS WITH DOCTORS AND PHARMACISTS** and published a new dental fee guide that saves Albertans money.

As the population grows, we need to find ways to effectively deliver services while responsibly managing costs. This can only be done in good-faith partnership with healthcare professionals.



- We would **LOWER WAIT TIMES** in emergency rooms and for cataract, heart and cancer surgeries.
- We would implement **NEW EMERGENCY ROOM PROCEDURES** to get ambulances back on the street faster.
- We would **MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR AMBULANCES**, not cut it by 11% like the UCP Government is doing.
- We would make sure that **LONG-AWAITED HEALTH FACILITIES**, such as the Calgary Cancer Centre, **ARE COMPLETED AND PROPERLY STAFFED**. We would get projects like the **SOUTH EDMONTON AND RED DEER HOSPITALS BACK ON TRACK** on the construction timelines we set, not delay them as the new Government has done.
- We also continue to **SUPPORT SUPERVISED CONSUMPTION SITES**, which have prevented more than 4,000 overdoses and 3,700 EMS calls provincially. **THESE SITES SAVE LIVES**, and ensure EMS services are available for other emergencies.





Strong, Public Education

WE NEED A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR OUR KIDS, one where they can learn in an environment that allows them to succeed. We don't need overcrowded classrooms and parents shouldn't have to pay out of pocket for busing and essential programs.

- We **PROPERLY FUNDED EVERY NEW STUDENT** entering Alberta's K-12 schools.
- We invested **\$77 MILLION INTO A CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENT FUND** to add more teachers, support staff, and programs to help students with complex needs.
- We introduced a **SCHOOL NUTRITION PILOT PROGRAM** that was providing healthy and nutritious meals to 35,000 students daily.
- We set in motion an ambitious plan to **DEVELOP NEW K-12 CURRICULUM** - and we properly funded it.

To ensure our children and grandchildren are best equipped for the future, we would properly fund post-secondary institutions.

- We **WOULD NOT INCREASE TUITION BY 21%** over the next three years. Balancing the books on the backs of families trying to send their children to post-secondary is not how to invest in Alberta's future workforce. **WE WOULD RETURN TO LIMITING TUITION INCREASES** to the rate of inflation.
- We **HELPED STUDENTS ENTER SKILLED TRADES THROUGH DUAL CREDIT AND REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM TRAINING**. We would continue to properly fund these programs.
- We would keep and **IMPROVE THE SUMMER TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT** Program (STEP).
- **YOUTH DESERVE THE LEGAL MINIMUM WAGE**, just like everybody else.

Action on Climate Change

ALBERTANS UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE AT A CROSSROADS and that we must take action on climate change in order to protect the lives and livelihoods of every Albertan.

They want a government that takes climate change seriously, and they want to see a credible, concrete plan to address it.

Climate change poses a very real risk to Alberta, to our communities, our economy, and our future.

Alberta's renewable energy industry was booming under Rachel Notley's leadership, attracting \$10 billion in private investment. These investments had already created over 7,000 jobs

and were on track to create 20,000 more. The UCP scrapped those jobs in favour of a \$4.7 billion giveaway to big corporations that has not created a single job to date.

We have always believed that the environment and the economy can and must go hand-in-hand. When we treat the economy and the environment as mutually exclusive, we fail on both.

WE REFUSE TO LET ALBERTA GET LEFT BEHIND AS THE WORLD ECONOMY MOVES TO A LOWER-CARBON FUTURE.



Safe Communities

ALBERTANS DESERVE TO BE SAFE IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND COMMUNITIES. And we also need to ensure Alberta communities have the services and infrastructure they need to flourish, no matter where in the province they are.

Our government was working with the RCMP to fight rural crime and address the root causes of crime and disorder. Our plan was working - A year after we invested \$10 million to fight rural crime we saw 9.8% reduction in property crime.

OUR PLAN:

- **CREATED CRIME REDUCTION UNITS**, which will see specially-trained officers focus solely on bringing prolific offenders to justice.
- **FOCUSED ON SPECIALIZED POLICE INTELLIGENCE** to make it easier for community groups, law enforcement, and different levels of government to work together to fight crime.
- Ensured that **GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES A POLICE SUPPORT CENTRE** to handle records management and routine data entry, allowing police to focus on crime prevention.
- **HIRED MORE CROWN PROSECUTORS** and maintained court system funding for clerks so that cases can be heard in a timely manner.
- **USED TECHNOLOGY LIKE GPS TRACKERS** to target rural crime.

We would maintain remand centre funding to ensure the government does not let offenders walk free because they can't afford to detain them. We would work with community groups to ensure Albertans have access to information and resources about crime prevention and accessing help from law enforcement.

Resilient Communities

We believe that we must continue to invest in housing and in programs that connect Alberta communities. We believe that all Albertans deserve to have community infrastructure that makes their lives better.

- We would implement a **10-YEAR STRATEGY TO GET HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO EVERY ALBERTAN**, partnering with municipalities and industry to facilitate the construction or upgrading of broadband infrastructure across rural communities. We would continue to work with municipalities on affordable housing strategies, and on supports that help seniors age in place in their own communities.
- We would **CREATE HOMETOWN ALBERTA**, a program to help smaller communities renovate their aging hockey arenas, swimming pools and recreation centres.
- We will **HELP ALBERTA FAMILIES BUY THEIR FIRST HOME** and we will build 4,000 affordable housing units.
- We would **RESTORE ANNUAL INCREASES TO SENIORS' BENEFITS** and put 46,000 Albertans back on the Seniors' Drug Plan that were kicked off by the UCP.
- We would **RESTORE ANNUAL INCREASES TO AISH**, restore Henson Trusts and fund growth in needed services.



Path to Balance

WE BELIEVE IT'S POSSIBLE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET WHILE MAINTAINING SERVICES AND GROWING THE ECONOMY.

For Alberta's NDP, these issues are not mutually exclusive. We will balance Alberta's books by 2023-2024. And we will do it without making cruel cuts that will put Albertans out of work and force families to pay more and get less.

We would reverse the UCP's \$4.7 billion giveaway to huge corporations that has led to deep cuts to services and hurt efforts to diversify our economy through the cancellation of job creating programs.

Over the years, we've seen Albertans come together to help each other out in their most desperate times of need. And as many Albertans continue to struggle to make ends meet due to the persistent economic headwinds, we believe that those at the top can - and should - contribute a little bit more.

Eliminating the corporate handout and increasing taxes by one per cent on the top one per cent would allow us to

invest in programs that support Albertans and make life more affordable. This includes re-indexing benefits for seniors and Albertans with disabilities, and limiting post-secondary tuition increases to inflation.

The changes to the tax structure would also allow us to balance the budget by 2023/24 while investing in critical infrastructure, maintaining services, and growing our economy.



Economic Outlook

FOLLOWING THE WORST RECESSION IN A GENERATION, brought on by the global collapse in oil prices, the Alberta economy rebounded but growth remained constrained. Following robust real GDP growth of 4.4% in 2017, growth moderated in 2018 to 2.2% as the energy sector was limited by a challenging price environment and a lack of takeaway capacity. Despite these challenges, and with the support of the Crude-By-Rail strategy, real GDP growth for 2019 and 2020 was forecast at 1.6% and 2.9% in the final Government of Alberta estimates under the Rachel Notley government delivered in late February 2019.

The UCP government has cancelled the Crude-By-Rail strategy, leading to the extension of curtailment until the end of 2020. As a result, industry analysts expect oil and gas drilling to decrease next year, leading to stagnant capital investment in the industry.

The consensus private sector GDP growth average for Alberta has declined to 0.6% for 2019. Private sector forecasts are likewise more pessimistic than Budget 2019 for medium term growth, estimated at 2.0% vs 2.7% for 2020. However, forecasts remain highly volatile.

RACHEL NOTLEY AND THE NDP ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION WITH ALBERTANS ABOUT THE KIND OF PROVINCE WE WANT TO BUILD TOGETHER.

We believe that Albertans look out for one another. When Alberta faces hard times, the conversation needs to be about asking those who can afford to pay more to do so, not taking money out of the pockets of those who can least afford it. We would continue to invest in services Albertans rely on, invest in economic prosperity and

diversification, take action on climate change, and stay on track to achieve a balanced budget by 2023-24. We can balance the budget without petty, cruel cuts because we would not be looking for ways to pay for a \$4.7 billion corporate giveaway.

THE UCP GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET 2019 FISCAL PLAN PROJECTS AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$17.18 BILLION UNTIL BALANCE IS ACHIEVED.

OUR ALTERNATIVE FISCAL PLAN PROJECTS AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$16.14 BILLION UNTIL BALANCED IS ACHIEVED.

UNDER THE UCP, ALBERTANS ARE PAYING MORE FOR LESS.



Prioritizing Affordability and Economic Diversification

AFTER WEATHERING THE WORST RECESSION IN DECADES, Albertans continue to face economic uncertainty. We recognize that we need to do our part to address climate change and make sure Alberta is on track for a prosperous future for us all.

Assumptions

The figures included in our alternative fiscal plan make the following assumptions:

- Maintain Crude-By-Rail agreements
- Maintain tax credits that attract investment and strengthen Alberta's competitive advantage in petrochemicals, tech and digital industries, film, and renewable energy.
- A return to a fully indexed tax code.
- Revenue in Advanced Education reduced, as a result of maintaining the inflation index on tuition fees.
- A more realistic outlook for investment returns in the Heritage Fund, in line with previous government estimates.
- Revenue adjusted upwards to reflect an increase on personal income tax of one percent on the top one per cent of wage earners (those earning over \$315,000 per year).
- Maintaining Alberta's previous carbon pricing structure on major industrial emitters, and assuming that price remains at \$30/tonne.
- Expenses are adjusted to reflect that we retain indexation for seniors benefits and income support for Albertans living with disabilities.
- License, registration and user fees remain frozen at 2018 levels.
- Education is funded for enrolment growth and the Classroom Improvement Fund and funding to reduce school fees would remain.
- Health care is provided with stable, predictable funding in line with growth pressures.
- We deliver on promises to address rural crime and community safety without a \$200 million municipal tax grab.
- Balancing the budget by 2023-24 remains a priority.

Fiscal Tables (millions)

Summary Table

	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Revenue	49,624	52,354	55,398	59,382	61,504	64,532
Expense	56,335	58,400	60,710	62,430	63,240	64,120
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,711)	(6,046)	(5,312)	(3,048)	(1,736)	412

Revenue

	2018-2019 Actuals	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Income Taxes						
Personal and Corporate Income Tax	16,745	16,520	18,001	19,505	20,995	22,150
PIT Change on Very High Income Earners	0	125	500	510	520	530
Total Income Taxes	16,745	16,645	18,501	20,015	21,515	22,680
Other Taxes	6,833	5,776	5,833	6,041	6,247	6,446
Non-Renewable Resource Revenues	5,429	6,557	5,529	6,859	8,561	11,225
Transfers from Government of Canada	8,013	9,200	8,883	9,426	9,746	10,021
Investment Income	2,349	3,180	3,390	3,400	3,410	3,420
Net Income from Government Business Enterprises	2,585	2,390	2,500	2,490	2,570	2,650
Premiums, Licenses, Fees	3,911	3,846	3,952	3,991	4,055	4,120
Other Revenues	3,759	3,780	3,810	3,860	3,900	3,950
Crude-By-Rail	0	980	3,000	3,300	1,500	20
Total Revenue	49,624	52,354	55,398	59,382	61,504	64,532

Expense

	2018-19 Actuals	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Ministry Operating Expense						
Advanced Education	5,392	5,600	5,800	6,000	6,200	6,425
Education	8,223	8,500	8,725	8,925	9,140	9,375
Health	20,409	21,000	21,600	22,300	22,800	23,300
Justice	1,452	1,500	1,550	1,600	1,650	1,700
Social Services	5,126	5,550	5,750	6,000	6,250	6,500
Other Ministries	7,832	6,690	6,710	6,730	6,750	6,770
Affordable Childcare Plan	0	60	190	300	450	500
Subtotal Ministry Operating Expense	48,434	48,840	50,135	51,555	52,790	54,070
<i>Operating Expense Change</i>	3.40%	0.08%	2.65%	2.83%	2.40%	2.42%
<i>Population + Inflation</i>	3.90%	3.30%	3.60%	3.70%	3.70%	3.70%
Crude-by-Rail Expense	0	450	1,300	1,300	600	150
Allowance for Natural Disasters		750	750	750	750	750
Other Expenses, Net	7,901	8,360	8,525	8,825	9,100	9,150
Total Expense	56,335	58,400	60,710	62,430	63,240	64,120

ADDITIONAL NOTES: FORECAST SCENARIOS

The Alternative Budget presents two scenarios, one where Alberta adopts the federal backstop on consumer carbon pricing, and one where Alberta returns to the previous regime on consumer pricing with an enhanced rural rebate structure.

SCENARIO: FEDERAL BACKSTOP ON CARBON

- The federal government has indicated that it intends to impose the federal carbon price on jurisdictions that do not implement their own. The matter is pending before the courts in Alberta.
- This scenario demonstrates the impact of the federal carbon price taking effect in Albertan starting in January 1, 2020.
- This scenario assumes the provincial government accedes to the federal pricing structure and administers it provincially to ensure revenue remains in Alberta and is not diverted to Ottawa. This calculation maintains the consumer rebate structure of the federal carbon price.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Incremental Revenue*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Government Deficit/ Surplus	(\$6,046M)	(\$5,312M)	(\$3,048M)	(\$1,736M)	\$412M

**incremental net revenue after consumer and SME rebates*

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE: MADE-IN-ALBERTA RURAL REBATES

- This scenario assumes the provincial government maintains its own carbon pricing regime with a focus on industrial emitters.
- Factors in continued major investments in initiatives to reduce emissions and address climate change.
- This scenario envisions maintaining the previous consumer rebate structure, while increasing rebates for rural Albertans by \$200 million a year. We recognize that rural communities are in many ways hit hardest by both continuing economic uncertainty and the impacts of climate change.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Incremental Revenue*	\$0	\$0	\$280M	\$715M	\$675M
Adjusted Government Deficit/ Surplus	(\$6,046M)	(\$5,312M)	(\$2,768M)	(\$1,021M)	\$1,087M

**incremental net revenue after consumer rebates, supplemental rural rebates, and major investments to reduce emissions*



Stand Up for the Alberta You Believe In

RACHEL AND THE NDP WILL DO THE RIGHT THING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

We have a plan to create jobs by building a modern, more diversified economy that works for you, not just the super rich.

We don't think it's fair to give a \$4.7-billion handout to big corporations while everyday Albertans pay for it. Jason Kenney blew a \$4.7-billion hole in the budget and his failed experiment has created zero jobs.

We believe in making life more affordable for you and your family. Albertans deserve a government that helps get them to work. You should be able to count on good hospitals, quality healthcare, smaller classrooms, and services upon which your family and your neighbours can rely.

Jason Kenney and the UCP are in it for themselves and their rich friends. Rachel Notley and the NDP are in it for you.

STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT.



